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Applicants

John F. Stevens et al.

Appln. No.

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For

RETICULATION-FREE WATER-DISPERSIBLE COATING

COMPOSITION FOR FOOD SUBSTRATES

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Response and Amendment to the Office Action dated April 13, 2004, and Declaration of John F. Stevens with Exhibits 1-2. Also attached is a Petition and Fee for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a Request for Continued Examination. The items checked below are appropriate:

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Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	53	Minus	50	= 3	x \$9	\$ 27	X \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	16	Minus	14	= 2	x \$44	\$ 88	X \$ 88	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$150						\$0.00	X \$300	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 115		\$ 0.00

- X Small entity status verified.
- X A check in the amount of \$490.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.
- X A check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed to cover the Request for Continued Examination fee.
- X A check in the amount of \$115.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of additional claims.
- X Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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